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## PRESS RELEASE

### **HOLLISTER POLICE ARREST TWO IN VIOLENT ASSAULT**

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – January 30, 2009 – On January 22, 2009 at approximately 10:16 PM, Hollister police responded to the 600 block of Chaparral Court on a report of a victim of an assault. Upon arrival, officers met with the victim, an 18-years-old resident of Hollister.

The victim had a large laceration to his forehead and multiple injuries around his head and face. He was able to tell officers he was attacked by three individuals after he asked them to return some property they had allegedly stolen from the man's younger brother.

Instead of returning the property, the three suspects attacked the victim, viciously beating him by kicking his head and body multiple times. He was transported by ambulance to Hazel Hawkins Hospital.

While enroute to the hospital, the victim became unconscious and had multiple seizures. He was put on a ventilator by ER staff to assist his breathing and was eventually transported to a bay area trauma center with life-threatening injuries to his head. Fortunately, he survived the critical injuries and was upgraded to serious, but stable, condition.

Hollister police detectives were able to develop information that has led to the arrest of two 17-year-old suspects in this case. In addition, one person has been identified as a possible third suspect.

The Hollister Police Department is asking the public's assistance in identifying the third suspect of this violent crime. Anyone having information pertaining to this case is asked to call Detective Jeff Caires at 636-4330, or WeTIP at 1-800-78-CRIME.

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